REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the National Stage status.

In addition, the claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependency in order to reduce the PTO filing fee.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

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